

of age, nor over seventy years of age, from each of the counties composing the respective Judicial Districts, who shall be elected every ten years by the voters of each county, who shall act as an Orphans' Court in all matters within the sphere of the duties of the Orphans' Court, as now defined by law, who shall be styled Judges of Probate and Administration, and whose jurisdiction shall not extend to any other matters over which the Presiding Judge of Equity, Probate and Administration may have jurisdiction, as defined under the present system.

6th. That the Judges of the Circuit Courts and Courts of Equity, Probate and Administration shall be elected for the period of twenty years, be ineligible after their said term of service for the same positions, and incapable of acting after they have arrived at the age of seventy years.

In case of death, disqualification or removal from the State, or from their office, the remainder of their term so vacated shall be filled by an appointment by a joint vote of the General Assembly of Maryland, if in session, or by the Executive, (if the Legislature be not in session, or should fail to elect,) subject to a ratification by the Senate.

7th. That with a view to a fair division of the counties of the State into Judicial Districts, the following enumeration is suggested:

First Judicial District.—Worcester, Somerset and Dorchester counties.

Second Judicial District.—Talbot, Caroline and Queen Anne counties.

Third Judicial District.—Kent, Cecil and Harford counties.

Fourth Judicial District.—Baltimore and Carroll counties.

Fifth Judicial District.—Frederick and Montgomery counties.

Sixth Judicial District.—Washington and Allegany counties.

Seventh Judicial District.—Howard, Anne Arundel and Prince George's county.

Eighth Judicial District.—Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's counties.

Ninth and Tenth Judicial Districts.—That the city of Baltimore shall be divided into two Judicial Districts, in which the following courts shall be created:

The First District shall embrace the first ten wards—the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th.

The Second District shall embrace the remaining ten wards—the 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th.

Each of said districts shall contain one Circuit Court, the Judge of which shall be elected for twenty years by the qualified voters of the wards composing each of said districts. Each of them shall also contain a Court of Equity, Probate and Administration, in which there shall be a Chief Presiding Judge, learned in the law, who shall be elected for twenty years, with two associates,

to be styled Judges of Probate and Administration, who shall be men of sound judgment and integrity, over thirty years of age, and elected every ten years by the qualified voters of their respective wards of each of said Judicial Districts.

There shall also be a Superior Court, whose jurisdiction shall embrace the whole city, and all civil cases wherein the matter in controversy shall exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, and where the damages claimed shall exceed the like sum of fifteen hundred dollars, whose Judge shall be elected for twenty years.

There shall also be a Criminal Court, whose jurisdiction shall extend over the whole city, and whose Judge shall be elected for twenty years.

The said Judges of the Circuit Courts, Courts of Equity, Probate and Administration, Superior Court and Criminal Court, shall be ineligible for the same positions, be over thirty years of age, and their seats declared vacant upon their arrival at seventy years of age.

In case of death, disqualification or removal, the remainder of their term shall be filled by a joint vote of the General Assembly, if in session; and in case of failure so to do, by the Executive of the State, subject to the ratification of the Senate.

8th. That the salaries of each of said Judges of the Circuit Courts, Courts of Probate, Equity and Administration, for the several counties, and also of the several courts of the city of Baltimore, shall not be less than three thousand dollars; and the Judges of Probate and Administration in the several counties of the State, and of the two districts in the city of Baltimore, shall be allowed dollars per day for each day they may be in attendance.

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS—TREASON.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the Declaration of Rights, reported by the chairman on its second reading, to which

Mr. Stirling had submitted the following amendment:

Article 26, strike out all after the word "that" in the first line, and insert: "No conviction shall work corruption of blood, nor shall there be any forfeiture of the estate of any person for any crime except treason, and then only on conviction."

To which amendment Mr. Clarke had submitted the following amendment:

Add the words "which forfeiture of estate shall only continue during the life of the person convicted."

Mr. Todd. I am opposed to the amendment offered by the gentleman from Prince George's, (Mr. Clarke,) and in favor of the adoption of the amendment offered by the member from Baltimore city, (Mr. Stirling.)

In the discussion which was had here yesterday, reference was made to a passage of